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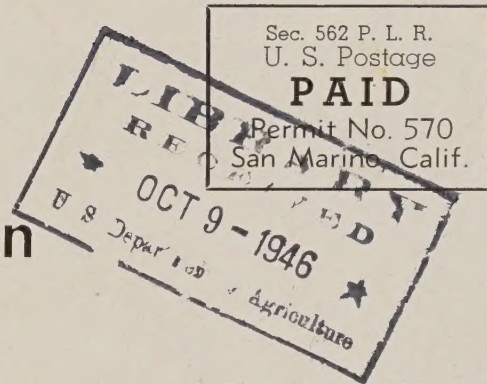
SUNSET LILY

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**Better Bulbs for
Your 1947 Garden**

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Better Bulbs for Your 1947 Garden

For 18 years . . . since 1928 . . . Neil Campbell, one of the owners of Better Gardens, has bought, sold and garden-talked Bulbs, and shares this knowledge with our customers. "Better Bulbs" is more than a slogan!

Important Information:

Postage Prepaid on all orders of \$1.00 and more.

Prices. 50 bulbs of a single variety take the 100 rate; 6 take the dozen price. All bulbs are large first-size, except where otherwise specified.

Planting Dates, as given for each variety, are also dates when bulbs are available, and will be shipped. This explains why all bulbs on one order may not be sent together.

Quantities Limited; better order early. All prices subject to change without notice.

DUTCH IRIS

(Improved Spanish)

Earliness of bloom, erect stiff stems, and orchid-like formation of the flowers combine to make these a favorite garden and florist bulb. Plant 4 inches deep Sept.-Nov. for March-April bloom.

Imperator. Late, deep blue. Doz. 75c; 100 \$5.00.

Wedgewood. Large early mid-blue. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

White Excelsior. Fine. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

Yellow Queen. Golden. Doz. 75c; 100 \$5.00.

Mixture. Includes other colors. Doz. 75c; 100 \$5.00.

ANEMONE, "Wind Flower"

Brilliant colored, poppy-like flowers on stiff stems, from Feb. to April. A "must" for winter cut flowers, and beds. Set, points down, Sept. to Nov., covering with but 1 inch of sand.

De Caen (Single) Mixed. Jumbo bulbs, Doz. \$1.10; 100 \$7.75. Large size bulbs, Doz. 75c; 100 \$5.00. Medium size bulbs, Doz. 45c; 100 \$3.00.

Blue Poppy. Single, rich deep blue. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

His Excellency. Glorious glistening red. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

The Bride. Pure white with light center. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

GIANT RANUNCULUS —→

These glorious flowers are perhaps the showiest bulb for winter and spring garden display, and keep wonderfully when cut. Set, prongs down, 2 inches deep in well-drained soil; successive plantings from Aug. to Dec. will prolong their season.

Golden Yellow. Rich and true. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Orange Shades. Light to deep orange. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

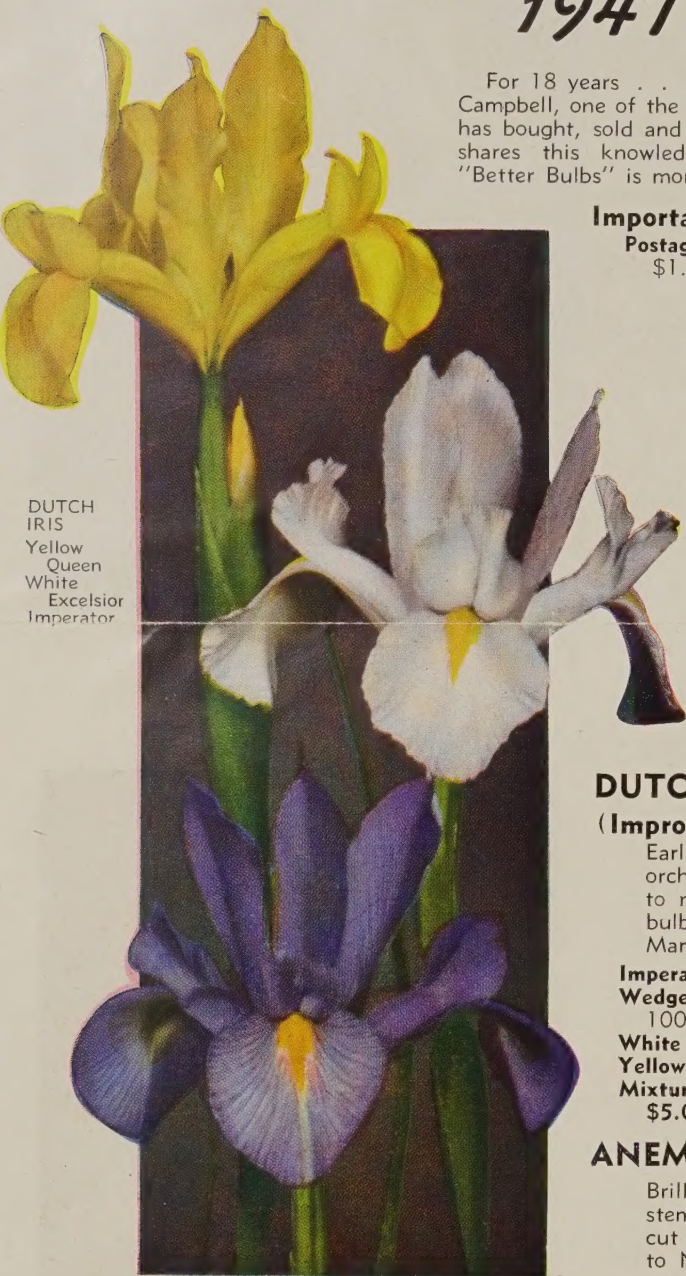
Pink Shades. Lovely and popular. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Red Shades. Brilliant and effective. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

White. Pure whites, with a few cream. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Yellow Shades. Light to deep yellows. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Tecolote Mixture. Outstanding in size, doubleness, and color range. **Jumbo bulbs,** doz. \$1.45; 100 \$9.50. **Large size bulbs,** doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00. **Medium size bulbs,** doz. 45c; 100 \$3.00.



DUTCH
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FREESIA,
RAINBOW
MIXTURE

FREESIAS for Fragrance

For pots or well-drained open ground; set 2 inches deep Sept. to Nov. for Feb.-March bloom.

Purity. Favorite good-sized white. Doz. 50c; 100 \$3.75.

Giant Tecolote White. Large flowered. Doz. 75c; 100 \$5.00.

Giant Tecolote Blue. 2-foot stems. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

Giant Tecolote Rose-Pink. Vigorous. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

Giant Tecolote Red. 2½-inch florets. Doz. 85c; 100 \$6.00.

Golden Wonder. Large rich yellow. Doz. 75c; 100 \$5.00.

Marie. Huge new patented white. Doz. \$1.65; 100 \$12.50.

Rainbow Mixture. All colors. Doz. 65c; 100 \$4.50.

Color-Cover Your Bulb Bed!

To prolong the season of bloom—to hide the yellowing foliage that is essential for ripening the bulbs and as a color foil for the flowers of the bulbs themselves, broadcast seeds of these quick winter and spring annuals: **Alyssum** (Carpet of Snow and Violet Queen); **Linaria** (Fairy Snapdragons); **Virginian Stocks**; **Baby Blue Eyes**; **Gilia** (Fairy Stars); **Shirley Poppies**; **Scarlet Flax**.

10c per pkt., 3 for 25c



ANEMONES DE CAEN





CAMELLIA-FLOWERED TUBEROUS BEGONIA



SPRING SNOWFLAKES



HYACINTHS

ALSTROEMERIA, "Peruvian Lily"

Free-flowering on long wiry stems, these are favorites for cutting. Plant Sept. to Jan., 3 inches deep in light shade for early summer bloom.

Chilensis hybrids. Shades of pink, salmon, apricot, yellow, and white, in large clusters. Each **25c**; Doz. **\$2.25**.

BEGONIA, Tuberous-Rooted

Huge flowers and attractive foliage for pots or shaded beds from June to Oct. Start, pressed into the surface of flats or pots of peat or leaf mold, from Jan. to April.

Camellia-Flowered Doubles (8 separate colors). Each **25c**; Doz. **\$2.50**.

Extra large bulbs (8 separate colors). Each **50c**; Doz. **\$5.00**.

Crispa Type (Single Frilled). 8 colors. Each **25c**; Doz. **\$2.50**.

Lloydi Type (Hanging-Basket). Mixed. Each **25c**; Doz. **\$2.50**.

CALADIUM, Fancy-leaved

Strikingly showy large leaves, mottled and veined in many shades and combinations of green, red, pink and white. Start indoors Jan. to April, pressing bulbs upside down on surface of flats of peat and sand. For show in shade in pots or open in summer and fall.

Mixed or Separate Named Kinds. Each **40c**; Doz. **\$4.00**.

CALLAS in Four Colors

Set all Sept. to Nov. except Yellow Nov. to Jan.

Black Calla (*Arum pictum*). Large purple-black flowers in sun or shade in April. Each **30c**; Doz. **\$3.00**.

Pink Calla (*Zantedeschia Rehmanni*). Rose-pink with elliptical leaves in partial shade in April-May. Each **45c**; Doz. **\$4.50**.

White Calla (*Z. Aethiopica*). Large white flowers from Feb. to May and rich ever-green foliage in moist shade. Each **30c**; Doz. **\$3.00**; 100 **\$22.50**.

Yellow Calla (*Z. Elliotiana*). Golden Yellow flowers in May; distinctive spotted leaves . . . needs some sun. Each **35c**; Doz. **\$3.50**.

BABY GLADIOLUS

Lovely "miniature-editions" for borders and flower arrangements in May and June. Plant 3 inches deep in Sept.-Nov. Separate Colors: **White, Pink, Rose, Salmon-Red; Hybrid Mixture.** Doz. **\$1.25**; 100 **\$8.50**.

SPRING SNOWFLAKE (*Leucojum*)

Dainty white bells, tipped with green, hanging loosely in spikes in early spring. Set bulbs 3 inches deep in fall. Doz. **\$1.00**; 100 **\$7.50**.

DUTCH HYACINTHS

The aristocrat among the bulbs of spring. Thick spikes of fragrant bells in rich colors. Set 6 inches deep Oct.-Dec. for March bloom, or just cover in pots and keep cool and dark through Dec. and Jan.

City of Haarlem. Light yellow.

Grand Maitre. Deep blue.

Princess Margaret. Rose-pink.

L'Innocence. Pure white.



HERA



GLORY OF THE SUN

LEUCOCORYNE (*Glory of the Sun*)

Fragrant sky-blue Star-Flowers in large heads on wiry stems. Plant 6 inches deep Sept. to Dec. for March bloom. Doz. **\$1.10**; 100 **\$8.00**.

LOVELY BLUE SCILLAS

Scilla Campanulata. Clear blue bells loosely placed on arching 1-foot stems. Set 4 inches deep Sept. to Nov. for March-April bloom. Doz. **\$1.25**; 100 **\$9.00**.

Special. A limited number of **Pure White**, and **Rose-Pink** Scilla campanulatas are available, at the same prices.

3 for **\$1.00**; Doz. **\$3.50**

Daffodils and Narcissus

The cheery, exquisitely-formed flowers of Daffodils bring Spring with them into your garden; more than any other, they are Spring's own flowers. **Plant them deeply** (at least 6 inches) in enriched well-drained soil in sun or partial shade from mid-Sept. to Dec. **All varieties** are easily flowered in pots; the Polyanthus Narcissus may even be grown in low bowls with sand, rocks, and water. **Many small groups** of 3 to 6 bulbs of a variety are most effective in the garden; the natural effect is half their charm. We supply Double-Nosed No. 1 bulbs only.

Large-Trumpet Daffodils

Beersheba. Magnificent pure white; large flower and vigorous grower; flat perianth and long beautifully-shaped trumpet. Each 55c; Doz. \$5.50.

Dawson City. Splendid garden and exhibition variety; good multiplier; broad flat perianth and large trumpet, both golden-yellow. Each 30c; Doz. \$3.00.

King Alfred. Lustrous golden yellow; early-flowering, large and dependable. Doz. \$1.75; 100 \$12.50. **Jumbo bulbs** (3 or 4 flowers per bulb), Doz. \$2.75; 100 \$19.50.

Trumpet Mixture. For a long season of bloom, and all shadings of yellow to white, plant this special mixture of trumpet daffodils. Doz. \$1.75; 100 \$12.50.

Species Daffodils and Jonquils

Bulbocodium Conspicuum (Hoop-Petticoat Daffodil). Golden yellow flaring trumpet, without perianth. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$8.50.

Cyclamineus, February Gold. Dainty golden trumpets and recurving yellow perianth segments; early. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

Jonquilla Odorus Campenelli. Clusters of bright yellow fragrant flowers with deeply lobed cups; tall and early. Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$11.50.

Jonquilla Simplex. The true single sweet Jonquil; dwarf habit; tubular foliage; deliciously sweet-scented. Rich yellow flowers in clusters. Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$11.50.

Poeticus Ornatus (Poet's Narcissus). White with small yellow cup edged red; late. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$8.75.

Triandrus Albus (Angel's Tears). Exquisite rockery and pot species with globular white cup and recurved petals. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.



MARY COPELAND

Medium-Trumpet Daffodils . . . 15 Outstanding Varieties

Alcida. Giant Barrii; creamy perianth opens flat, star-pointed; wide yellow cup with dark orange frill; vigorous, free; very late. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00; 100 \$13.50.

Carlton. Clear yellow self color of great size; flat overlapping perianth; large expanded crown frilled at brim . . . outstanding. Each 30c; Doz. \$3.00.

Diana Kasner. Fine show-flower now available to all. Cream-yellow with large fluted yellow cup with blood-red frill; good forcer. Doz. \$1.75; 100 \$12.50.

Dick Wellband. Pure white perianth; flame-orange cup. Fine keeper; color does not fade but intensifies with age; very free-flowering, vigorous, and desirable. Each 55c; Doz. \$5.50.

Firetail. Striking flower, deservedly popular. Broad creamy-white petals and orange cup with scarlet frill. 2 for 55c; Doz. \$2.75; 100 \$21.00.

Fortune. Giant Incomparabilis of perfect form. Broad yellow petals of solid texture; glowing apricot-orange crown of great size opening at mouth and beautifully frilled; well worth its cost. Each 65c; Doz. \$6.50.

Hera. Broad star-shaped white perianth; deeply frilled creamy-white cup with a dainty edging of pale primrose; chastely beautiful. Doz. \$1.75; 100 \$12.50.

John Evelyn. Large flat pure white perianth and broad, densely-frilled lemon-yellow cup. No lovelier Daffodil, in the opinion of many. 2 for 55c; Doz. \$2.75; 100 \$21.00.

Lucinius. Clear golden yellow petals and short trumpet of identical color; distinct and lovely. Doz. \$1.75; 100 \$12.50.

Milford Haven. Fine flower with cream-white petals and wide, deeply ruffled cup shading from chrome yellow at the base into rich orange-scarlet at the brim. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50; 100 \$19.00.

Moonshine. Beautiful Triandrus hybrid. 2 or 3 pure white "trumpet daffodils" drooping gracefully from a single stem. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50; 100 \$18.50.

Mrs. Nette O'Melveny. Exquisite! Pure white perianth and dainty rounded cup of clear lemon-yellow with orange picotee; tall, strong stems. Doz. \$1.75; 100 \$12.50.

Silver Star. Star-shaped creamy perianth; wide pale primrose trumpet changing to creamy-white; lovely. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50; 100 \$18.50.

Walter Hampden. Very tall and outstanding; soft primrose petals and deep yellow expanded trumpet with a tint of orange in the frills. 2 for 55c; Doz. \$2.75; 100 \$21.00.

Whitely Gem. Extremely early, tall, and arresting. Deep golden yellow petals and bright orange fluted cup; prolongs the daffodil season in the garden by its earliness. Each 50c; Doz. \$5.00.



JOHN EVELYN

Double Daffodils

Cheerfulness. Double Poetaz Hybrid, with several double creamy-white flowers on each stem. Doz. \$2.00; 100 \$15.00.

Mary Copeland. "The most striking double in cultivation." The longer petals are pure white with a golden ray down the center, interspersed with shorter petals of lemon and brilliant orange, giving a 3-color effect. Each 45c; Doz. \$4.50.

Twink. Like a lovely semi-fuli rose, with alternating petals of light yellow and orange. Each 30c; Doz. \$3.00; 100 \$22.50.

Cluster Narcissus (Polyanthus)

Fine in the early winter garden, or flowered in bowls of rocks or bulb fiber in the house.

Chinese Lily. White with yellow cups. Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$11.50.

Paper White. Pure white flowers. Doz. \$1.10; 100 \$7.75.

Soleil d'Or. Deep yellow with orange cups. Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$11.50.



KING ALFRED

ALCIDA





CITY OF HAARLEM

TULIPS from Holland

For best results in the garden, prepare the ground deeply in light shade (full sun, second choice), and plant Oct. to Dec. 8 inches deep; in pots, just cover and keep cool and dark for several weeks.

Old Favorites. Doz. \$1.45; 100 \$9.75:

Clara Butt. Soft salmon-pink Darwin.

Inglescombe Yellow. Rich golden Cottage.

Pride of Haarlem. Deep rose-pink Darwin.

Princess Elizabeth. Clear rose-pink Darwin.

New and Finer Kinds. 2 for 35c; doz. \$1.75; 100 \$11.75:

Blue Eagle. Rich blue-purple Darwin.

Bronze Queen. Large copper-buff Breeder.

City of Haarlem. Giant scarlet Darwin.

Cote D'Azur. Lovely lavender-blue Darwin.

Duke of Wellington. Fine white Darwin.

Golden Age. Deep yellow Darwin.

Indian Chief. Tall red-copper Breeder.

Kathleen Parlow. Large silvery-pink Darwin.

Parrot Type (Quaint, showy petals):

Blue Parrot. Bright blue-purple. Each 25c; doz. \$2.50.

Fantasy. Salmon-red, edged white and green. Each 20c; doz. \$2.00.

Lovely True Lilies

"With their feet in the shade and their heads in the sun" is a good location rule for most Lilies—half shaded by other lower plants or shrubbery. Incorporate leaf mold and bone meal, and envelop the bulbs in sharp sand to insure drainage.

L. Formosanum (Phillippine Lily). Long white trumpets in Sept. Set 6 inches deep Nov.-Dec. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

L. Regale (Regal Lily). Large open white trumpets with golden throats, and tinted pink externally; vigorous and easily established. Set 8 inches deep Nov.-Jan. for June flowers. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.

"Sunset Lily" (L. Pardalinum giganteum). Recurved brilliant scarlet petals shading to gold, spotted brown in the center; tall and dependable. Set 6 inches deep in Nov. for July bloom. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.

L. Tenuifolium (Siberian Coral Lily). Dainty deep coral-red flowers with recurved petals on 18-inch stems in April. Set 6 inches deep in Nov. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

L. Tigrinum (True Tiger Lily). Deep apricot-orange recurved petals, spotted maroon. Set bulbs 8 inches deep Nov.-Dec. for Aug. flowering. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.

GRAPE HYACINTH (Muscari)

Heavenly Blue. Pure mid-blue, tiny bells close-spaced in spikes like bunches of grapes and with a striking grape scent; bloom profusely in early spring from bulbs set 3 inches deep Sept. to Nov. Doz. 75c; 100 \$5.50.

WATSONIAS for Height

Watsonias resemble gladiolus, but are taller and have many more flowers per spike; ideal for backgrounds and color masses in the garden, as well as for bouquets. Set 4 inches deep Sept.-Oct. for April-May bloom.

Bullard's White. Finest pure white. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Dazzler. Vivid orange; evergreen foliage and occasional out-of-season bloom. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Pink. Soft rose-pink. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Salmon. Lovely salmon-pink. Doz. \$1.25; 100 \$9.00.

Mixed Hybrids. Many new shades. Doz. \$1.10; 100 \$7.75.



GRAPE HYACINTH



WATSONIAS (right)